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CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO KARNATAKA FOR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the Government of Karnataka during 1999- 2000 and 2000-2001 for sanction of financial assistance to its various agricultural/horticultural schemes; and

(b) the status of each of the proposals as on date and the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The details of proposals received from Government of Karnataka during1999-2000 and 2000-2001 along with their status are as follows:-

i) Comprehensive Watershed Development Project in Karnataka State atan estimated cost of Rs.820.75 crores: (with the assistance of World Bank):

The Project proposal was received from the Government of Karnataka on 28thApril, 2000. The proposal was examined by Ministry of Agriculture, got approved from Planning Commission and forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry ofFinance during June, 2000. The project was processed by Department of EconomicAffairs and posed to World Bank on 30-6-2000. Four World Bank − FAO Joint Missionshave since visited the project area during October, 2000; November − December, 2000; February, 2001 and March − April, 2001 for initial preparation and appraisal of the project. The project was subsequently negotiated during May, 2001 and the legal agreements (Project Agreement & Development Credit Agreement) have been signedduring July, 2001. An amount of US $ 361,000 was made available to the State byWorld Bank as Japanese assistance for carrying out studies on the institutional capacity of panchayats, mainstreaming women and other vulnerable groups into the project and other activities including environmental assessment, base line survey, assessment of capacity building needs under the project and development of Financial Management and Monitoring and Evaluation systems.

ii) Indo-Swiss Participative Watershed Development Project (ISPWD-KP)Phase-II at an estimated cost of Rs.28.73 crores: (with assistance from Switzerland):

The project proposal was received from State Government during February, 2000 byMinistry of Agriculture. The proposal got examined by Ministry of Agriculture and Meetings were held on 20th March, 2001, 29th June, 2001 & 18th July, 2001 in Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan between Donor Agency, Karnataka Government and Ministryof Agriculture Officials for negotiating the project. The date of signing of the agreement is yet to be finalized.

iii) Pilot Project for reclamation of Saline and Alkaline Soil; and

iv) Amelioration of acid soil:

The Planning Commission did not agree for launching of full-fledged new Schemes.As a result, pilot projects for these two schemes have been submitted to Planning Commission for approval. The response is still awaited.

v) Protection and Development of Waterlogged areas:

Transferred to Ministry of Water Resources for implementation.

In addition to above, a number of proposals received from Government ofKarnataka for providing Central assistance under various on-going Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes during 1999-2000 and 2000-01 were cleared byDepartment of Agriculture and Cooperation.